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JOSHUA

accepts
the legacy
of memory



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Joshua is leading the congregation today by choosing to honor the memory of a child who was lost in the Holocaust. Joshua's decision, as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah, to bring one name and history back into living memory, is a testament to the strength and resilience of the Jewish people.

Jonatan Shapiro z"l – a name that once existed in a database of the lost – through this act now becomes dear to living souls.

Over one-and-a-half million Jewish children died in the Holocaust, an unbearable truth that is beyond human understanding. It will remain a perpetual grief in the heart of humanity.

At best there are only fragmentary records of these young lives. Much of the information about these children comes from the memories of those who survived or escaped. Their courage and love helped carry on these memories.

By accepting the legacy of memory, Joshua becomes the guardian of the Jewish past and the realization of the Jewish future. You complete this transfer to a new generation by being a witness.

One of our great teachers, Rabbi Nachman, taught, "with great joy comes sadness, with sadness comes great joy." Today as you celebrate Joshua's Bar Mitzvah and his act of memory, you also contribute to a momentous observance of memory, sorrow, joy and hope for the Jewish people.

R*emember Us* relies on the voluntary support of the community to bring *The Bnai Mitzvah Project* to congregations across the globe. To help support this work of remembrance, please make a donation in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Maurice Cohen and the memory of Jonatan Shapiro z"l.

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